GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7261
ANSWERED ON:14.05.2002
FOREIGN MEDIATION ON KASHMIR
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item regarding foreign mediation on Kashmir issue appearing in the `Rashtriya Sahara` dated March 18,2002;

(b) if so, the stand of the US administration on this proposal of the Hurriyat Conference;

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to discourage such proposals in future; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): Government is aware of the media reports. The US Government has rejected proposals of this nature.The US Government maintains that all issues between India and Pakistan should be resolved bilaterally.

(c) & (d): Government has consistently maintained that all issues between India and Pakistan should be resolved through bilateral dialogue and there is no role for any third country/party in this process.